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## IN THE SPRING.

Father, dear father, come home with me now,  
For ma has some carpet to beat;  
She's got all the furniture out in the yard,  
From the front porch clear down to the street,  
The stoves must come down and be put in the shed,  
The yard must be cleaned of dead grass;  
For it's time to clean house and the devil's to pay,  
And the front windows need some new glass.

Father, dear father, come home with me now,  
And bring some bologna and cheese;  
It's most twelve o'clock and there's nothing to eat,  
I'm so hungry I'm weak in the knees,  
All the dinner we'll have will be cold scraps and such,  
And we'll have to eat standing up, too:  
For tables and chairs are all out in the yard,  
Oh! I wish spring house-cleaning was through.

Father, dear father, come home with me now,  
For ma is as mad as a Turk;  
She says your a lazy old thing,  
And she proposes to put you to work.  
There's painting to do and paper to hang,  
And windows and casings to scrub;  
For it's house-cleaning time and you must come home,  
And revel in suds and cold grub.

## POULTRY NOTES.

It is about time to start to train or prepare the birds for the fall shows. The bird that is properly trained and washed beforehand stands a much better chance of winning a premium than one that is packed off to the show all covered with dirt.

Do not go into the poultry business. Grow into it. Start on a small scale and learn the details of the business before you invest much capital in it.

When the hens stop laying they often may be started again by a change of feed; but do not give them much corn in summer, unless, of course, you have them cooped up for fattening. Air-slacked lime dusted everywhere will aid materially in destroying lice, gapes and roup. Prevent disease in your flocks rather than risk curing them after they become affected. Keep the quarters clean and supply pure water.

It is possible for chickens to live without any animal matter, but to obtain the most profit from them it is necessary that they receive a certain amount of animal food daily, especially if they are confined to runs or during the winter. This may be either raw or cooked fresh meat, or else it may be commercial beef scraps.

We could not think of a more simple or efficient method of improving the egg supply of this country than the production of infertile eggs.

Do not forget that your fowls need green food. If it is impossible to give them a change of yards or runs, see that they get some kind of green food during the daily feed.

Keep plenty of water before the ducks. Sudden death among the ducks may often be attributed to a lack of water.

It is a well-established fact that the flavor of eggs will often depend upon the kind of feed the hen receives. For this reason we should feed very few onions to the hens for green food.

If the chickens that you intend to exhibit could have as much time in the coops before the show as in the show, they would pose much better for the judge and would be in better condition, providing, of course, that they are fed right.

## A Huntingburg Chicken.

The ma'd could play the piano—  
Make pies and lobster salads.  
Could quote you scripture by the hour—  
Or Whitcomb Riley's ballads.

No girl could waltz more gracefully  
Or talk with better sense—  
No girl could better climb a tree  
Or cross a barb-wire fence.

She had a dainty little foot—  
She had a winsome waist,  
She didn't have to pad or paint,  
And always dressed in taste.

She wouldn't flirt nor act the fool  
Nor swear to be your sister;  
And yet this maiden had one fault—  
She "rooted" when you kissed her!

## TWO NOTED AUTHORITIES ON ALFALFA

In speaking of his experience in the growing of alfalfa, the Hon. A. P. Grout of Winchester, Ill., one of the largest alfalfa growers in the state, has this to say:

"My success at first in growing alfalfa was not startling, but on the contrary I met with many discouragements. Had it not been for the dodges (sheep and hogs) that seemed so fond of it, and thrived so well on the small quantities I was able to furnish them, it is doubtful if I would have kept up the struggle. A knowledge of its wonderful feeding value gained by experience was the incentive that urged me on.

The time has come in my experience, and I believe in the experience of every alfalfa grower, when just as

knowledge of alfalfa, and encourage its cultivation and use by the farmers of Illinois. To be instrumental in bringing into general use a plant which will add untold wealth, not only to the farm, but to every other interest, will be far more creditable and more deserving of honor than that usually accorded for any public service."

### Joe Wing Believes in Alfalfa.

Joseph E. Wing of Ohio, who has 160 acres of alfalfa, and who is one of the best known authorities on this crop in the United States, says: "Alfalfa is a perennial enduring on well drained soil from five to fifty years with one sowing. It may be cut from three to five times a year, and will yield in the region of the



Beef Cattle on Alfalfa Field.

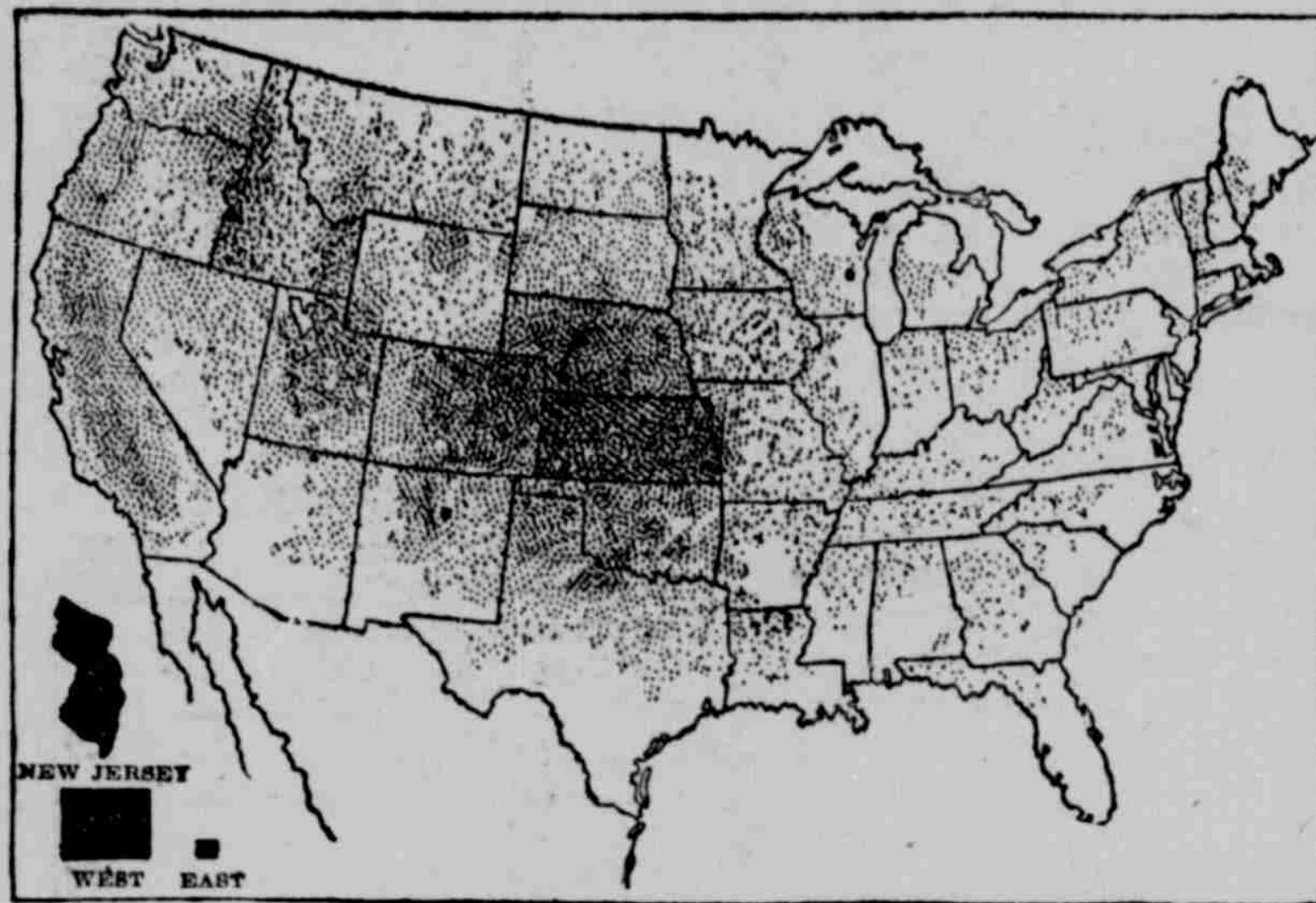
certain and favorable results are expected from seeding to alfalfa as from any other crop.

"It is not so much the soil, the climate or the location, as in knowing how. That fact has been clearly demonstrated.

"In my judgment, alfalfa is the most valuable farm crop that can be grown in Illinois, and yet comparatively little is known about it in the state. I know of nothing that will do more for the development of the state or add more to its wealth than a thorough knowledge and understanding of alfalfa.

"I do not know of any greater or more valuable service that the few successful alfalfa growers, who have learned the lesson, can render their state than to spread far and wide a

corn belt from three to six tons of hay per acre. The composition of alfalfa hay is such that it has almost the same nutritive value as wheat bran, and may be substituted for wheat bran in the feed ration with good results. As a feed for all classes of live stock it is unequaled. Every animal upon the farm loves alfalfa and thrives upon it. As a pasture plant for hogs it has no equal in the amount which animals will gain from an acre of it, as much as 600 pounds of pork per acre being frequently reported where hogs have grazed it. It is also the best horse pasture known, and it sometimes is used as a pasture for sheep and cows, although one must observe due care in pasturing it with these animals, since they may bloat."



Map showing where alfalfa is grown in United States today. Note the comparative areas grown east and west of the Mississippi river. The total area grown is about equal to the area of New Jersey.

### No Hay So Good as Alfalfa.

There is no other hay so good as alfalfa for all kinds of live stock, and for horses and hogs alfalfa is invaluable, either as a hay, a soiling crop, or a pasture. It excels as a hog pasture, and, with hogs, makes one of the most profitable farm combinations. An alfalfa field is said to be a hog's idea of heaven.

In root growth alfalfa resembles red clover, but sends down a stronger tap root. When properly handled it produces three or four cuttings each year and remains productive for many years. Land which is adapted to red clover usually grows alfalfa when any lack of inoculation and of lime is supplied.

Alfalfa does best when sown alone. Many failures are due to sowing it with oats or barley. These take so much water from the soil that the alfalfa dies.

Alfalfa growing marks the highest development in our modern agriculture.

"Alfalfa is the richest hay food known."—J. W. Spillman.

Alfalfa excels every other crop.

## ENGLISH BEAUTY CUP.

Weak Tea Invites Sleep and Improves the Complexion.

I advise those who consult me upon the tired complexion to indulge in what is called the English beauty cup. Mr. Gladstone took it each night of his life as long as he had health, and it is the cup which keeps many an English beauty going. It is simply tea, but tea made without the nerve destroying attributes. If properly made it invites sleep.

You take half a small coffee spoon of tea, and you scatter it in the bottom of a very large cup. The German coffee cups are best for this purpose. Over this you pour as much boiling, bubbling water as the cup will hold.

The saucer is placed on the top of the cup in Chinese fashion. Now comes the big wadded tea cozy, which must be thrown over all. It is an oddly shaped cozy, made to cover cup and saucer. It stands for five minutes to steep.

Now comes the scientific part of the cup. You take three very thin slices of lemon, and you lay them in a big hot cup. On top of the slices of lemon you place a big maraschino, and then on top of all you pour in the tea, putting it through a strainer.

The result will be a fine, weak, hot, but healthful cup of tea with just the right flavor of lemon. You can have sugar if you want it, and Gladstone's rule of three big lumps will do you no harm, for sugar is a great builder up of the muscles.

By the way, if you are fagged out, day or night, try eating a little sugar. A lump of sugar will restore the stomach and take away that tired feeling. Sugar is recommended to women whose cheeks are hollow. It has a way of building up tissue.

A big cup of tea at night is excellent, but the trouble is that most persons make it too strong. The weaker the better. The same is true of coffee, which, if taken weak enough and with plenty of good sugar, acts as a nightcap. Not one person in a thousand can make it right. In Paris the French beauty takes her foaming cup of whipped chocolate after the theater with a biscuit, or she sips her cafe au lait, which is mostly milk. — London American Register.

### Two of a Kind.



First Summer Girl—Who is that clean shaven, handsome boy?  
Second Summer Girl—Ch, he's a actor!  
First Summer Girl—No. I mean the other one.  
Second Summer Girl—Oh, he hasn't any money either!—Punch.

### Wisdom of the Young.



"I never saw such a child! You don't seem to know enough to come home!"  
"Well, dat's just wot ma says about you!"—New York World.

Lytsute—So poor Jones, the toymaker, has gone out of his mind!  
Strypes—Yes. He had been busy for three months on a mechanical ramp, and he couldn't get it to work. — Ally Sloper.

### A Lively Chill.

The old time dandy had a great admiration for high sounding words and phrases. He also had a deep respect for a man who has the boldness to devise innovations of speech.

"I jes tell you Massa Rawson has a pow'ful control ob language," said one old plantation negro thoughtfully on his return from a neighborly call. "I 'spect to learn something every time I hear him talk. He was telling Major Williams 'bout his wife being taken sick after dat dog bite she had, an' 'stead ob saying in respects to her shaking fit she had dat she 'shook like she had de ager,' same as most folks would say, what figur' is you s'posing he used?"

"I dunno," said the old man's wife sulkily from the ironing board. "He said she 'shook like an ash pan.' But his figur', an' I ain't gwine forget it."—Youth's Companion.

### Foosle Again.



Caddie to Foosle (who has slowly backed his way to the first hole)—Will ye be gon' the whole round?  
Foosle—Yes, of course. Why?  
Caddie—Only they'll be wantin' the cks tomorrow. It's medal day.—Tatler.

### Cause For Suspicion.



"Oh, no; I can never trust my husband again. I feel convinced he is carrying on with the cook."  
"What makes you think that?"  
"Last night he kissed me in the lark."—Fliegende Blatter.

### Jenner as an Eater.

Dr. Jenner, the famous English physician, was a great tea drinker and very abstemious, never taking any stimulant except a measured glass of brandy when he had indigestion. Once for that cause he lived on stewed chops and rice for luncheon and dinner, with tea, for a couple of years, but ordinarily he was a great feeder.

"I recollect," said his friend, Dr. Cooper Bentham, "on one occasion Reynolds came to see him. Jenner was at dinner. He had soup, fish, the greater part of a chicken, and he was in the middle of a huge rice pudding when Reynolds entered and asked him how he was. Jenner drew a pitiful sigh and replied, 'I am not at all well—no appetite.'"

The Progressive Rooster and the Proverb.



Unless this alarm clock falls me, here's where I get the best of the early bird and the worm! — New York Sun.